

St. John the Baptist Catholic Church

Father Peter M. Jaramillo, S.S.A, Pastor

Seventh Sunday of Easter and The Ascension of the Lord - May 24, 2020



Reading for the Ascension

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.

And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20 (Year A)

The Mass Intentions received by St. John’s before and during the COVID-19 pandemic were sent to Uganda.

There, Father Emmanuel Tamale honored these offerings through Masses.

Fr. Tamale greatly appreciated the sharing of these intentions.

Weekly Collection May 17, 2020

Envelopes:	\$ 3685
Maintenance:	\$ 530
Mother’s Day	\$ 115
Easter Week	\$ 60

Call to Share Update

St. John the Baptist surpassed its Call to Share goal - one of two parishes in the Wyandotte County region.

Thanks to the generous parishioners, our church reached 102 percent of the goal set, according to the April 26 update. This is thought to be the first time that St. John’s has attained this achievement.

There were 89 of the parish’s 200 households that participated, or about 45 percent. The current pledge amount is \$20,560 – an increase of \$463 over the target of \$20,097.

A big thank you to all participants.

Father Peter to say farewell to St. John’s on July 1

Father Peter Jaramillo, S.S.A., announced last week that he will be leaving St. John the Baptist and Holy Family as pastor.

He will continue his ministry as pastor at St. Mary-St. Anthony Church and also serve in that position at All Saints Parish. Father Peter has led our parish for seven years, beginning in 2012.

This change is among many throughout the Archdiocese of Kansas City, all of which will be effective on July 1. Another pastor will be assigned to St. John’s and the announcement will be made soon.

“I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parishioners,” he said in his May 18 online Pastor’s Update. “I have received untold blessings and great fulfillment.”



Father Peter celebrated the 39th Anniversary of his Ordination on May 23.

Our parish community will feel the loss of Father Peter. We appreciate his long devotion to St. John’s. He has been a great comfort during the COVID-19 pandemic with his online Masses and updates, helping parishioners to remain connected in faith.

Thank you, Father Peter – your flock will miss you!

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2020 Croatian Festival Update



The 2020 Croatian Festival Committee (the Ice Cream Social) continues to discuss options for our yearly event in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our concerns are for the health and safety of our community. The Croatian Festival is a signature event for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church – drawing record crowds in the past few years.

It is a fun day and brings community attention to the religious services of our church. Additionally, proceeds from the festival provide income to continue parish services and maintenance.

An event of this magnitude requires months of preparation. It also requires many gatherings for planning, set-up

and food preparation. A majority of our active volunteers fall within the high-risk category for COVID-19.

As of now, this year's festival will simply not resemble that of previous years. However, we believe there will be some components that could be safely conducted, including the 50-50 Raffle and sponsorships. The committee will assess if there are other favorites that might be added.

Although this is sad news for those of us who have attended the festival since childhood, the committee believes this is the right choice. Watch for updates in the coming weeks.

God bless you and keep you healthy.

Chris Schneider
Festival Committee Chairman

Support Catholic Education

Resurrection Catholic School will have a fundraiser *Sips for Scholarships*. All proceeds will be used for need-based student scholarships to attend the school.

The event will be 5 to 8 p.m., Sunday, July 26, from 5PM-8PM at the Boulevard Brewery, Kansas City, MO. Tickets will go on sale in June.

To become a sponsor or make a donation, visit the school website at rscck.org, or call (913) 371-8101.

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A drop box is located in the back door of the rectory. Just open the screen door.

With Our Sympathy

Our prayers and deepest sympathies are with the family of **Louise Mufich Lisac**.

Mrs. Lisac, 103, died on May 16 in Lansing, KS. She was a former member of St. John the Baptist and the Altar Society.

A funeral Mass was held May 22 at St. John's and burial is at Mount Calvary Cemetery.

Keep our church awash with the light of God. Offer your intention - a church volunteer will light a candle for you. A donation of \$5 is requested.



Holy Mass Guidelines

We appreciate our parishioners following the Mass guidelines to protect the health and safety from the COVID-19 virus.

The Archbishop continues to grant dispensation from the weekly obligation of Holy Mass.

Our parish will limit the number of people allowed in the church. If you want to attend Mass and have not been called, contact the parish office.

1. Do not attend Mass if you are sick, have health conditions or do not feel comfortable.
2. Parish secretaries will be contacting parishioners. Please do not just show up.
3. Mask and gloves **will be required** to enter the church.
4. Enter from the handicap entrance.
5. Sign in with your name and phone number.
6. Offering envelopes will be placed in a stationary basket.
7. Your seats will be assigned.